

April 6, 2015

Selectmen: Richard Carver, Dave Matthews, Linda Post

Present: Anna Mason, Susan Choate, Larry Choate, Robert Hirsch, Richard Matlack, Ronald Murray, Frank Ross, John Gamage, Ron Belyea

4:00 PM The Budget Committee was present to present some ideas to the Selectmen for the up coming budget. Robert Hirsch mentioned they had submitted a proposal to the Selectmen about a tax reduction for those who pay taxes all at once. The Selectmen tabled it from a previous meeting. They said they needed more information before entertaining the idea. Robert Hirsch said he would contact the towns who give reduced rates and see what effect it has on them. The Budget committee also presented the Selectmen with a proposal about having contracting with the City of Rockland fire department services. Frank Ross pointed out about home insurance and the rates possibly going up if there is not a fire department in the town. It was also pointed out Rockland doesn't have a pumper truck which would be needed for Owls Head fires. Richard Carver and Dave Matthews will go together to talk to Rockland City Manager and get an idea of how they feel about taking on Owls Head Fire Department services.

Dave Matthews made a motion, to contract for 650 cubic yards of salt and 1300 tonnage of sand for the 2015/2016 season. Linda Post seconded it. All in Favor.

Ocean Avenue Pump Station - Ron Belyea, owner of 18 Ocean Avenue, approached the selectmen about the pump station on his property. He is very concerned about the used pump breaking down and we don't have a back up pump. A new pump will cost the town around \$2400.00. Dave Matthews made a motion to buy a new pump for a backup replacement in the amount of \$2400.00. Linda Post seconded it. All in Favor. Further discussion ensued regarding the "agreement" between the town and resident sewer services at this location.

Town Website - Susan Choate and Larry Choate have approached the Selectmen about retiring from the Website. They now would like to maintain the sight and only post the annual changes. They would like to have the town maintain the daily updates. They will put it on the Secretaries computer.

Waterfront Issues - Richard Carver went to a Conservation Commission meeting at the Owls Head Library on March 30, 2015. Todd Swinton was present for this meeting. Mr. Swinton has approached the Conservation Commission and would like to donate a portion of land to the town (Map 11, part of 37). In addition he has talked to Maine Coast Heritage Trust about a piece of land (Map 11, Lot 35) he would like to donate to them. The Conservation Commission will be discussing it again at the next meeting.

Bellevue Street - We are still waiting to hear from Mr. Rogers regarding the blue print with the meets and bounds.

Dave Matthews made a motion to accept the Special Town Meeting Warrant (April 21, 2015) as presented. Linda Post seconded it. All in Favor. Dave Matthews is going to call Audra Caler-Bell to see if she is available to come to the Town Meeting.

Dave Matthews made a motion to accept the minutes from March 16, 2015 with a few corrections. Linda Post seconded it. All in Favor.

The Selectmen reviewed and corrected the snow plowing contract.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Curtis
Recording Secretary